



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

It was a deeply concerning week in Washington. We learned that Jeff Sessions misled the American people about his contacts with Russia while under oath, President Trump delivered a joint address to Congress that continued his Administration's track record of divisive words without productive proposals or action, and details emerged about the Administration's [unacceptable budget blueprint](#). The House Republicans refused to let Democrats or even Senate Republicans read their Affordable Care Act repeal bill. Despite these headwinds, I enjoyed meeting with dozens of New Hampshire constituents who came to the Capitol to advocate for important priorities like health care and the environment, and I co-introduced legislation to strengthen Social Security benefits for New Hampshire seniors.

The plot thickens

Due to reports that indicate Jeff Sessions committed perjury during his confirmation hearing by misleading Senators about his contacts with Russian officials, I [called on him](#) to resign as Attorney General. Clearly, someone who has shown so little respect for our laws cannot lead our Justice Department. Recusal is not enough. You can watch the video of Sessions denying Russia contact during his confirmation hearing [here](#).

The implications of recent revelations extend beyond Jeff Sessions, and beyond Michael Flynn. Both Trump administration officials have now been caught lying about their contact with Russia. The American people need to know the truth about what was discussed, what actions were taken, who was involved, and what else happened. The only acceptable path forward is an independent inquiry. I call on my Republican colleagues to do the right thing for the country and allow an independent investigation.

I'm glad to report we are making some bipartisan progress. Yesterday, I and 163 other Members sent [a bipartisan letter](#) calling on the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees to submit a formal request to the Secretary of the Treasury for President Trump's tax returns for each of the past ten years.

President Trump's joint address

In his first forty days in office, President Trump has continued to create deep divisions in our country. He has disregarded the fundamental values our nation was built on: tolerance for religious and ethnic diversity, freedom of the press, and the rule of law. The vision he articulated for our country excludes so many of the people who make New Hampshire great. His speech propagated anti-immigrant sentiments that cannot coexist with our proud history as a nation of immigrants. Our immigrant neighbors in New Hampshire are not violent criminals; they are our doctors, our students, our small business owners. We must not allow his divisive rhetoric to obscure the principles on which our Founders built this nation. And while the President mentioned economic priorities I strongly support – investing in infrastructure and enacting tax relief for the middle class –the truth is that almost half of his first 100 days have passed with zero action on these priorities, and I don't know if he will actually ever take action. He also said in his speech that children deserve clean water, but he had just signed an order to [roll back](#) President Obama's clean water rule.



On the night of the address, I was proud to wear white with other members of the Democratic Womens Working Group to show our united front against Donald Trump's statements and actions against women. My guest for the address was Paul O'Connor, the former president of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Metal Trades Council, who led the fight to save the Shipyard and the jobs there. He recently retired after 40 years of federal civilian service. Together, we highlighted the damaging impact of the Trump Administration's federal hiring freeze, which the President boasted about during his speech. The truth is, the men and women who work to ensure our veterans get the care they deserve are essential. The workers who have made our Shipyard the best in the world are essential. There are federal employees working in New Hampshire and across the country who President Trump doesn't see, but we know they are the key to our nation's safety and prosperity.

Standing up for seniors

This week, I co-introduced two bills to strengthen Social Security and boost benefits for seniors and veterans: the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) Act, and the Protecting Our Widows and Widowers in Retirement (POWR) Act.

New Hampshire seniors have earned their Social Security benefits through a lifetime of hard work, and the bills I co-introduced can make those benefits stronger. I'm working to defend and strengthen Social Security, because I understand how vital these benefits are to seniors' retirement security. Read more about these bills [here](#).

In closing

It was a privilege to meet with so many New Hampshire constituents this week. Here are a few of the people who came to make their voices heard:



To see more, check out the [Facebook album](#). As always, thank you for the honor of representing you in Congress.

Best Wishes,

Carol Shea-Porter

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[Shea-Porter aims for VA hospital](#)

Union Leader // Kevin Landrigan

MANCHESTER — U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H., said the health choice program for New Hampshire veterans to receive care at acute-care hospitals doesn't lessen her

campaign to make New Hampshire the last state in the nation to get its own full-service veterans hospital.

[Overdose drug cost up 600%; NH congressional delegation demands answers on increase](#)

Nashua Telegraph// Damien Fisher

Questions are being raised about the 600 percent cost spike for one of the devices that delivers naloxone, the drug that can stop opioid-related overdoses.

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